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write out the tradition as it is locally understood, we will file it for reference and will let you know when, or if, we find anything.

### WISCONSIN AND NULLIFICATION

We have heard that at one time in the early history of Wisconsin the state seceded from the Union. Is there any truth in the statement and if so will you please send us information about it?

ETHEL BUCKMASTER,  
*Milwaukee*

It is not true that Wisconsin ever seceded from the Union. As a frontier state of aggressive democracy, she occasionally insisted on "state's rights" in such emphatic terms that her attitude might have been construed as a defiance of the federal government, but none such was ever seriously contemplated. For example, when a territory Wisconsin demanded of Congress to restore the "ancient boundaries" of the territory and threatened if it were not done to declare herself "a state without the Union." This was no more than political buncombe and no attention was paid to it by either the federal government or successive territorial and state governments. During the excitement over the Fugitive Slave Law Wisconsin in a more serious and official manner defied the decrees of the federal courts and elected a member of the state supreme court on the platform of "state's rights." The legislature also in 1859 passed a nullifying resolution because of its abhorrence of the slavery power controlling the federal government. You will find a good brief account of the entire episode in Wisconsin Historical Society, *Proceedings*, 1895, pp. 117-44. This volume you can find in the Milwaukee Public Library.

### INDIAN FOLKLORE OF WISCONSIN

It occurs to me that this paper could advantageously use a series of stories selected from the folklore of the Indians who formerly occupied the territory comprising this state. The writer recently came across a number of interesting stories on the Zuni in a report of the Smithsonian Institution, tales with such titles as "How the Moon Got a Dirty Face," etc.

There is a great demand for stories to "tell the children," and it is my thought that in your library there might perhaps be such material as could

be turned to this use. Will you not kindly let me know whether you have any matter that would furnish folk tales of Wisconsin Indians?

KENNETH M. ELLIS

Feature Editor, *Milwaukee Sentinel*

The folklore of the Indians who formerly occupied this state can be found in many printed volumes, and we would suggest that you consult the Milwaukee Public Library. I am appending a brief list of those you would find helpful.

Katharine B. Judson, *Myths and Legends of the Great Plains* (Chicago: McClurg, 1913)

Katharine B. Judson, *Myths and Legends of the Mississippi Valley and the Great Lakes* (Chicago: McClurg, 1914)

Mrs. M. B. McLaughlin, *Myths and Legends of the Sioux* (Bismarck, N. Dak.: 1916)

George Copway, *History of the Ojibway Nation* (New York, 1851)

Consult also the volumes of the *Wisconsin Historical Collections*. Volume XXI of this series is an analytical index of the first twenty volumes, and by consulting it you will find what a wealth of material there is on the subject in which you are interested. The publications of the Wisconsin Archeological Society and the reports and bulletins of the United States Bureau of Ethnology you will find contain a great deal of material.

We feel quite certain that you will be able to find material for a series of stories quite as interesting as anything written about the Zuni. If we can be of further assistance we shall be glad to do whatever is in our power.

## INDIAN NAMES FOR A FARM

If possible will you send me Indian translations of the names given below? I desire to register the name of my farm but want to use the Indian name for it: Pleasant Hill; Maple Knob; Face to the North; Devil River; Clover Blossom.

Also, can you give me names of noted Indian chiefs prominent in the early history of Brown County? We are located about eight miles south of De Pere, and possibly some of the early history will touch on this particular section of the county.

E. J. BRITTNACHER

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